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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1 1. (Currently Amended) A system for organizing one or more
2 elongated objects, each elongated object having a length and a
3 width, the length exceeding the width, comprising:

4 a first fastener adapted to extend for a distance along the
5 length of at least a first one of the elongated objects and capable of
6 coupling the first one of the elongated objects to a second one of
7 the elongated objects or to another object; and

8 a second fastener adapted to extend for a distance along the
9 length of at least the first one of the elongated objects and capable
10 of coupling the first one of the elongated objects to a third one of
11 the elongated objects or to another object;

12 wherein the first fastener and the second fastener have
13 substantially complementary shapes; and

14 wherein the first fastener comprises a raised bead and the
15 second fastener comprises an indented channel, and each of the first
16 and second fasteners has a plurality of fingers formed thereon.

1 2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the first fastener
2 is adapted to extend along substantially all of the length of at least
3 the first one of the elongated objects.

1 3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the first fastener
2 is reusable.

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1 4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 ~~28~~, wherein the
2 first fastener component comprises at least one male component
3 integrated with the first ~~one of the elongated objects~~ object.

1 5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4, wherein the
2 first fastener component comprises at least one raised bead.

1 6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4, wherein the
2 second fastener component comprises at least one female component
3 integrated with the first ~~one of the elongated objects~~ object.

1 7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6, wherein the
2 second fastener component comprises at least one indented channel
3 defined in the first ~~one of the elongated objects~~ object.

8. (Cancelled)

1 9. (Previously Presented) A system for organizing one or
2 more elongated objects, each elongated object having a length and a
3 width, the length exceeding the width, comprising:
4 a first fastener adapted to extend for a distance along the
5 length of at least a first one of the elongated objects and capable of
6 coupling the first one of the elongated objects to a second one of
7 the elongated objects or to another object;
8 wherein the first fastener comprises a wrap adapted to be
9 applied around the first one of the elongated objects, the wrap
10 comprising an outer surface facing away from the first one of the
11 elongated objects and an inner surface facing towards the first one
12 of the elongated objects.

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1 10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein a channel is
2 defined in the inner surface of the wrap for receiving the first one
3 of the elongated objects.

1 11. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the first one of
2 the elongated objects is removable from the wrap.

1 12. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein a cut extending
2 lengthwise along the wrap is defined in the wrap, the cut extending
3 from the outer surface of the wrap to the inner surface of the wrap.

1 13. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein at least one
2 channel is defined in the outer surface of the wrap for receiving the
3 second one of the elongated objects.

1 14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim + 28, further
2 comprising a third fastener adapted to extend for a distance along
3 ~~the length of at least the second one of component formed on the~~
4 ~~sheath of the first elongated objects and capable of coupling the~~
5 ~~second one of the elongated objects to the first one of the elongated~~
6 ~~objects, wherein the first fastener and the third fastener have~~
7 ~~complementary shapes and are capable of mating together to couple~~
8 ~~the first one of the elongated objects and the second one of the~~
9 ~~elongated objects together~~ object.

15. (Cancelled)

1 16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim + 28, further
2 comprising a converter adapted for attachment to the first fastener
3 component.

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1 17. (Previously Presented) A system for organizing one or
2 more elongated objects, each elongated object having a length and a
3 width, the length exceeding the width, comprising:
4 a first fastener adapted to extend for a distance along the
5 length of at least a first one of the elongated objects and capable of
6 coupling the first one of the elongated objects to a second one of
7 the elongated objects or to another object; and
8 a converter adapted for attachment to the first fastener;
9 wherein the converter comprises a plurality of female
10 components, and wherein at least one female component is adapted
11 for attachment to the first fastener.

1 18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the converter
2 comprises a plurality of indented channels, and wherein at least one
3 indented channel is adapted for attachment to the first fastener.

1 19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 16, wherein the
2 converter comprises a plurality of male components, and wherein at
3 least one male component is adapted for attachment to the ~~first~~
4 second fastener component.

1 20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~19~~ 16, wherein
2 the converter comprises a plurality of raised beads, and wherein at
3 least one raised bead is adapted for attachment to the ~~first~~ second
4 fastener component.

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1 21. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 16, wherein the
2 converter comprises a hanger having a third fastener component
3 adapted for attachment to the first fastener component.

1 22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~1~~ wherein the
2 ~~first and second fasteners are integrated with the first one of the~~
3 ~~elongated objects, and~~ 28 additionally comprising a third fastener
4 component integrated with the first ~~one of the~~ elongated ~~objects~~
5 object, the first fastener component and the third fastener
6 component having substantially similar shapes.

1 23. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 22 additionally
2 comprising a fourth fastener component integrated with the first ~~one~~
3 ~~of the elongated objects~~ object, the second fastener component and
4 the fourth fastener component having substantially similar shapes.

1 24. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 23 wherein the
2 first and third ~~fasteners~~ fastener components are at substantially
3 diametrically opposite locations on the first ~~one of the elongated~~
4 ~~objects~~ object and the second and fourth ~~fasteners~~ fastener
5 components are at substantially diametrically opposite locations on
6 the first ~~one of the elongated objects~~ object.

1 25. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~1~~ 28 wherein
2 the first ~~one of the elongated objects~~ object has a transverse cross
3 section with a polygonal perimeter shape, each of the ~~fasteners~~
4 fastener components being located on a substantially planar face of
5 the first ~~one of the elongated objects~~ object.

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1 26. (Currently Amended) The system of claim + 28 wherein
2 the first fastener component and the second fastener component are
3 integrated with the first ~~one of the~~ elongated ~~objects~~ object at
4 substantially opposite locations on the first ~~one of the~~ elongated
5 ~~objects~~ object.

27. (Cancelled)

1 28. (Previously Presented) A system for organizing one or
2 more elongated objects, comprising:
3 a first elongated object having a length, the first elongated
4 object comprising at least one conductor and a sheath surrounding
5 the at least one conductor;
6 a first fastener component formed on the sheath and extending
7 for a distance along the length of the first elongated object; and
8 a second fastener component formed on the sheath and
9 extending for a distance along the length of the first elongated
10 object.

1 29. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 28 wherein
2 the first fastener component and the second fastener component
3 have substantially complementary shapes.

1 30. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 28 wherein
2 the first fastener component is a male component and the second
3 fastener component is a female component.

1 31. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 28 wherein
2 the first fastener component and the second fastener component are
3 at substantially diametrically opposite locations on the first
4 elongated object.

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1 32. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 28
2 additionally comprising a third fastener component formed on the
3 sheath at a diametrically opposite location from the first fastener
4 component on the first elongated object, a fourth fastener
5 component formed on the sheath at a diametrically opposite location
6 from the second fastener component on the first elongated object,
7 the first and third fastener components each having a substantially
8 complementary shape to a shape of each of the second and fourth
9 fastener components, each of the first and third fastener components
10 comprising a raised bead and each of the second and fourth fastener
11 components comprising an indented channel; and
12 wherein the at least one conductor is substantially centrally
13 located in the first elongated object and the sheath comprises an
14 insulating material.